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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Committee elects its Chairperson and four Vice-Chairpersons. In accordance with rule 19, Bureau members are eligible for re-election. One of the Vice-Chairpersons is later designated also to serve as Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Committee shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda for the current session was approved by the Council in its decision 2005/241.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from the previous session of the Committee

The Committee will consider applications and requests for reclassification deferred from the sessions of previous years.

Documentation

Applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 (E/C.2/2006/CRP.1)

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider new applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and act thereon.

Documentation

New applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: memorandums by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2006/R.2 and Add.1-21)

Requests for reclassification: memorandums by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2006/R.3 and Add.1)

(c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which have merged with other non-governmental organizations

The Committee will consider new applications from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which have merged with organizations without such consultative status.

Documentation

New applications received from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council which have merged with other non-governmental organizations: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2006/R.2/Add.14)

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

(a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council;

(b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council.

In accordance with the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations in general and special consultative status with the Council that were approved by the Council in its resolution 1996/31, such organizations are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities as regards the support they have given to the work of the United Nations. The Committee will consider quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. The Committee will also consider quadrennial reports submitted by organizations on their activities during the period 2001-2004.

Documentation

Compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations deferred from previous sessions (E/C.2/2006/CRP.2)

Notes by the Secretary-General on quadrennial reports for the period 2001-2004 (E/C.2/2006/2 and Add.1-7)

5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat

In view of the expansion of the functions and responsibilities of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat to meet the demand of a growing number of applications for consultative status, as well as the demands of a larger and more active non-governmental organizations community, the Committee decided, at its 2005 regular and resumed sessions, that the strengthening of the Section should continue to be a priority during its 2006 session.

Documentation

Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Section of the Secretariat: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2006/CRP.6)

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

(a) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group

At its 2000 session, the Committee established an informal working group, open to all interested members of the Committee, to review its methods of work, including accreditation issues, procedures, coordination with the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights, enhancement of the non-governmental organizations information process and security issues. At its 2005 session, the Committee reviewed a number of issues that had been placed on the agenda of the informal working group and decided that the group continue its work. The Secretariat will report to the Committee on the subject.

Documentation

Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2006/CRP.4)

(b) Other related matters

The Committee will consider the report of the Secretary-General presented in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2005/240 on the issuance of documentation for the Committee.

Documentation

Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 2005/240: report of the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2006/4)

7. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 2001/295

In its decision 2001/295 of 25 July 2001, the Council, recalling its decision 1996/302, decided that the non-governmental organizations on the Roster of the Commission on Sustainable Development (see Council decision 1993/220) should apply for consultative status with the Council as would any other organization, as outlined in its resolution 1996/31. Those applications would be considered as

expeditiously as possible under an agenda item of the Committee. The Committee would also consider applications deferred from previous sessions.

Documentation

Implementation of Council decision 2001/295: memorandums by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2006/R.5 and E/C.2/2006/CRP.5)

8. Consideration of special reports

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General: special reports (E/C.2/2006/3)

9. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network

In its decision 2002/225, the Council established the general voluntary trust fund and requested the Non-Governmental Organizations Section to identify and obtain the necessary financial, human and technical resources needed to carry out, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, Governments and other interested stakeholders, the development projects envisaged in the future framework of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network (IRENE).

Documentation

Document concerning general voluntary trust fund of IRENE (E/C.2/2006/CRP.7)

10. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2007 session of the Committee

In its resolution 1894 (LVII), the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

11. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee is required to report to the Council on its regular session.